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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 26, 2005

Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. THUNE, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. ENSIGN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Second Amendment
5 Protection Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) The United States is steadfast in its com-
2 mitment to the Second Amendment to the Constitu-
3 tion of the United States, which provides that the
4 right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not
5 be infringed.

6 (2) The United Nations Program of Action to
7 Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in
8 Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects
9 calls for actions that could abridge the Second
10 Amendment rights of individuals in the United
11 States, including through the establishment of—

12 (A) a comprehensive program for world-
13 wide gun control;

14 (B) an international tracking certificate
15 which would be used to ensure United Nations
16 monitoring control over the export, import,
17 transit, stocking, and storage of legal small
18 arms and light weapons;

19 (C) worldwide record keeping, for an in-
20 definite amount of time, on the manufacture,
21 holding, and transfer of small arms and light
22 weapons; and

23 (D) national registries and tracking lists of
24 all legal firearms.

1 (3) The United Nations has encouraged mem-
2 ber states of the United Nations to integrate meas-
3 ures to control ammunition with regard to small
4 arms, contrary to the rights guaranteed to citizens
5 of the United States under the Second Amendment,
6 and some member states have expressed a desire to
7 tax international arms sales and for a total ban on
8 certain types of firearms.

9 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

10 It is the sense of Congress that the United States
11 should not provide financial support to international enti-
12 ties that abridge the constitutionally protected rights of
13 law-abiding citizens of the United States to keep and bear
14 arms.

15 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON UNITED NATIONS FUNDING.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
17 sion of law, the United States may not provide any fund-
18 ing to the United Nations for a fiscal year unless, prior
19 to the last day of the preceding fiscal year, the President
20 makes the certification described in this subsection (b).

21 (b) CERTIFICATION.—The certification referred to in
22 subsection (a) is a certification submitted to Congress by
23 the President that states that the United Nations has not
24 taken action to restrict, attempt to restrict, or otherwise
25 adversely infringe upon the rights of individuals in the

- 1 United States to possess a firearm or ammunition, includ-
- 2 ing the imposition of a tax that will interfere with the right
- 3 to own a firearm or ammunition.

